

# THE REVELATION

## *The Lamb on the Throne*

Revelation 5:1-14

As we move on to chapter five, we encounter an expansion of the revelation John began to report in the previous chapter. The chapter begins with the revelation of the scroll which is securely sealed, but is primarily about the Lion of the Tribe of Judah—the Lamb that was slain. These two chapters bring us into the manifestation of the throne of God over the universe and find their culmination in Revelation 22 as we see the full unfolding of the Triune God in the unified identity of the One upon the Throne, the Lamb, and the Spirit of God.

### I. The Significance of the Sealed Scroll (Rev 5:1-5)

- A. It is securely sealed with seven seals and, at first, it appears that no one can open it or break its seals.
- B. The scroll is written on on both sides and demands inquiry and understanding, having great importance (being implied in the revelation), and John weeps and weeps because it appears no one can open it and reveal its contents
- C. As one of the elders comforts John and tells him that there is One Who is worthy and able to break the seals and open the scroll, we discover the true significance as being the salvation story of rebellious people through the ages

### II. The Lion and the Lamb (Rev. 5:6)

- A. The Lion from the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome and is worthy to open the scroll and break the seals
- B. John turns to see One *standing* between the Throne and the elders—the first strong indication that this One is equal to the One upon the throne
- C. As John turns to see the Lion he sees, instead, a Lamb as if slaughtered, *standing*
  1. He has seven horns (in the theme of the Lamb)
  2. He has seven eyes from which proceed the sevenfold Spirit of God

### III. The Story of the Scroll and the Glory of Salvation by the Lamb (Rev. 5:7-10)

- A. As the Lamb takes the scroll from the One on the throne, the 4 creatures and the elders fall down and worship
- B. The elders hold the prayers of the saints through the ages in golden bowls—our prayers are never lost nor forgotten before the Presence of God
- C. The worthiness of the Lamb to open the scroll is because of His redemptive mission in salvation—He has redeemed a remnant of people from every tribe and language and nation
- D. The redeemed have been made priests to God and will reign upon the earth

### IV. The Lion-Lamb is the Eternal Son of God, Fully Equal to the Father God (Rev. 5:11-14)

- A. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing
- B. The Lamb is worshipped by the 4 living creatures, and the elders, and all the angels, and every created thing in the universe
- C. And the song of worship they sing to the Lamb and to the One upon the throne is: blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever
- D. And the four living creatures and the elders fall down and worship THE LAMB & THE ONE ON THE THRONE. There can be no question that the Lamb, the Son of God and our Savior-Redeemer is, in every way, equal to the One on the Throne

